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POTATO STOCKS INCREASE

The 13 major potato States held 203 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago and 2 percent above February 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 53 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above February 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.80 million cwt on February 1, 2010, unchanged from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 181 million cwt, was 3 percent below February 1, 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.7 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2009 and 2 percent above 2008.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 90.4 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 9 percent from the same period last year and down 15 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 17.1 million cwt of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year and 19 percent below the same period in 2008.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2009-2010 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 2008			Crop of 2009			
	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2009	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2010	Stocks Feb. 1, 2010 ^{2/}	February Percent of Production
	1,000 cwt.		Percent	1,000 cwt.			Percent
CA ^{3/}	3,948	1,300	33	4,158	1,600	1,200	29
CO	21,907	12,700	58	22,080	13,900	12,200	55
ID	116,475	66,000	57	131,000	87,000	76,500	58
ME	14,769	8,500	58	15,263	10,800	9,400	62
MI	14,875	4,800	32	15,660	7,000	5,200	33
MN	20,400	10,200	50	20,700	12,300		
MT	3,465	3,400	98	3,347	3,200	3,100	93
NE ^{3/}	8,245	4,100	50	8,756	4,900	4,200	48
NY ^{3/}	5,696	1,600	28	4,950	1,900		
ND	22,680	10,400	46	19,125	10,800	9,000	47
OR	18,676	12,000	64	21,460	15,000	12,900	60
WA	93,000	38,600	42	88,450	48,900	43,300	49
WI	25,730	10,300	40	28,980	18,000	14,900	51
Other States						11,500	
13 States ^{3/}	369,866	183,900	50	383,929	235,300	203,400	53
Klamath Basin ^{4/}		2,800			3,500	2,800	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ January 1, 2010 stocks revised.

4/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. Oregon. Included in the 13 State totals.